(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to the published literature of WHO, and other agencies there is no conclusive evidence of adverse health effect of use of mobile phones on human beings.

Deaths due to TB

1220. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly half a million people die due to Tuberculosis in the country every year;

(b) if so, the share of Andhra Pradesh in this death toll during the last three years;

(c) the Central funds released to Andhra Pradesh for Tuberculosis control during the last three years; and

(d) the results achieved by the State in controlling Tuberculosis in the State, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (b) TB deaths are not reported under the Programme. However, it is estimated that abour 5 lac people die to TB every year in the country.

(c) Details of Central assistance given to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:

	Releases (Rs. in lakhs)	
1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
23.59	405.61	175.50

(d) Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country in a phased manner. In Andhra Pradesh, out of 23 districts, 8 are implementing RNTCP and the remaining districts are undergoing preparatory activities for adoption of the revised strategy. The

average success rate of new sputum positive cases put on treatment in the above 8 districts as per quarterly report of first quarter of 2002 is 85% whcih is as per the set target.

Anti-cancer Drug

1221. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Dr. Reddy's anti-cancer drug trials successful", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated 14th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further action is to be taken to market the drug on a commercial scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Based on the recommendations of Expert Committee headed by Director General, ICMR, Dr. Reddy's Laboratory was allowed to conduct Phase-I clinical trial with their anti-cancer drug DRF-1042 on 3rd October, 2000.

DRF-1042 is an orally active comptothecin analogue claimed to have promising cytotoxic activity. On 5th July, 2002, Dr. Reddy's Laboratory has submitted phase-I clinical trial report alongwith proposed phase-II clinicat trial protocol for DRF-1042. Reports of phase-I trial alongwith phase-II protocol is under process of evaluation.

(c) Marketing of said drug on commercial scale will be considered only after successful completion of Phase-II and phase-III clinical trial and quality control testing report from Central Drug Laboratory.

Ban on smoking in Delhi

1222. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ban on smoking at public places in Delhi which is in vogue for the last five years, has been ineffective; and